

The 2006 Lifeskills Portfolio Scoring Institute

The 2006 Lifeskills Portfolio Scoring Institute will be held this summer during the week of July 10th -14th at the Holiday Inn in Rutland, Vermont. At the Institute, participants will score all of the Lifeskills Portfolio Assessments for the 2005-06 school year. Typically, 40-50 scorers are hired through an application process and consist of educators from across the state. Scorer roles include special educators, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists, psychologists, general education teachers, and para-educators. Although there are always many returning scorers every year, no previous experience in portfolio assessment or scoring is required.

Day One of the Institute is an all day training of scorers. At the end of the day, scorers are calibrated, and retrained if necessary. Scorers calibrate twice every day to assure inter-scorer reliability. Scoring begins on Day Two and continues through the end of the week. Each portfolio is scored at least twice. When necessary, portfolios are scored a third time in order to resolve any disagreement of scores. Last year, 410 portfolios were double scored at the institute.

While the principle intent of the institute is to score the assessment, the week provides an excellent opportunity for professional development. A wide variety of program goals and methods of data collection are reviewed through the scoring process. In addition, scorers are exposed to the effective use of instructional strategies and the contribution of related service providers in the student programs. Finally, teachers also have an opportunity to meet and establish collegial relationships with other educators from schools throughout the state

Participants receive a stipend of \$500 for the week. Lunch and two breaks are included each day. Mileage is reimbursed for commuters. Overnight accommodations are provided for participants who are unable to commute.

Scorer applications are sent out to Alternate Assessment Mentors and Special Education Coordinators in early April. The deadline for application is May 1st of each year. Participants are notified of acceptance by May 15th.

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-Holiday Inn, Rutland, Vermont-

A commuter/residential institute to score 2005-2006 Lifeskills Portfolios

July 10 – July 14, 2006

- Featuring** → Scoring of VT Lifeskills Portfolios assessments
- Benefits** → Opportunity to meet and work with other Vermont educators
- Opportunity for professional development and extensive training in assessment work
- Participants receive a stipend of \$500.00 for the week; lunch and two breaks are included each day; mileage is reimbursed for commuters; lodging is provided for non-commuters
- Location** → Holiday Inn, Rutland, Vermont
- To Apply** → Application is open to all regular and special educators, related service providers, support staff and administrators. No previous experience in portfolio assessment or scoring is required.

Complete the application on the reverse side. Send by April 15th to:

**Rachel Corey
Vermont Department of Education
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501**

Or send by fax to:

**Rachel Corey
(802) 828-6563**

Questions? Please call: Greg Wylde 828-1338, Cindy Moran 828-0646 or Rachel Corey at 828-6561.

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Application Form

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

School/Supervisory Union: _____

School Address: _____

School Phone: _____

Position/Role: _____

Are you an Alternate Assessment Mentor for your district? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you develop and submit a Lifeskills Portfolio in 2005? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you develop and submit a Lifeskills Portfolio in 2004? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did you develop and submit a Lifeskills Portfolio in 2003? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you worked directly with a child with multiple disabilities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate below if you attended any of the following:

☐ 2005/2006, VT Dept. of Education Lifeskills Portfolio training

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☐ July 11-15, 2005 Lifeskills Portfolio Scoring Institute, Stoweflake Resort, Stowe

☐ July 19-23, 2004 Lifeskills Portfolio Scoring Institute, Stoweflake Resort, Stowe

☐ July 7-11, 2003 Lifeskills Portfolio Scoring Institute, Stoweflake Resort, Stowe

☐ I have applied in the past to be a scorer but have not yet been chosen.

Please tell us why we should choose you to be a scorer. (Feel free to use the back side if this sheet is necessary.)
